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PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SPIRO FROM FRIEDMAN

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR HERBERT J. SPIRO

REFS: A) STATE 192122; B) STATE 190602 NOTAL; C) YAOUNDE 2740 NOTAL

1. PROTOCOL STILL UNABLE PROVIDE INFO ON PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL PLANS. WE HAVE LEARNED UNOFFICIALLY, HOWEVER, THROUGH WELL-PLACED SOURCE THAT PRESIDENT NOT RPT NOT PLANNING ANY TRAVEL PRIOR TO BEGINNING SEPTEMBER. SUGGEST THAT YOU HOLD TO ORIGINAL PLANS AND WE WILL EXPECT YOU ON AUGUST 21.

2. LOOKING FORWARD HAVING YOU, MRS. SPIRO AND TWO SONS FOR SUPPER EN FAMILLE AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL AUGUST 21. MY WIFE AND I HOPING YOU AND MRS. SPIRO WILL ALSO BE ABLE JOIN US FOR DINNER AUGUST 22 TO MEET COUNTRY TEAM AND SPOUSES.

3. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER LETTERS OF CREDENCE YOU POUCHED AUGUST 11 WERE SENT VIA CLASSIFIED OR UNCLASSIFIED POUCH? IF LATTER, CAN EASILY TAKE TWO WEEKS TO ARRIVE. PERHAPS AF/C CAN HELP CLARIFY.

4. PROPOSED REMARKS STRIKE GOOD NOTE. SUGGEST ONLY (1)
ADDITION OF STANDARD INTRODUCTION RE LETTERS OF CREDENCE
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AND RECALL, (2) TWO MINOR CHANGES, AND (3) ADDITION TOWARDS

END OF MORE MATERIAL GEARED SPECIFICALLY TO CAMEROON AND
US-CAMEROON RELATIONS. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF CHANGES:

A. ADD OPENING PARAGRAPH:

QTE. I HAVE THE GREAT HONOR AND PERSONAL PLEASURE TO PRESENT
TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE FROM PRESIDENT
FORD DESIGNATING ME TO REPRESENT HIM AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC
OF CAMEROON. I TAKE THE OCCASION ALSO TO PRESENT THE LETTER
OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR, MR. C. ROBERT MOORE. UNQTE

B. PARA 2A, REFTTEL B, SECOND SENTENCE TO BEGIN:

QTE. AS THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON ENJOYS THE FIFTEENTH
YEAR OF ITS INDEPENDENCE.....UNQTE.

C. PARA 2F, REFTTEL B, CHANGE LAST CLAUSE OF FINAL SENTENCE
TO READ:

QTE. ...WHICH IN THE LONG RUN WOULD SERVE THE TRUE INTERESTS
OF NO ONE. UNQTE.

D. PARA 2G, REFTTEL B, DELETE FINAL SENTENCE OF PARA BEGINNING
QTE. I AM CONFIDENT"UNQTE AND SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING THREE
PARAGRAPHS:

QTE. CAMEROON AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE A TRADITION OF
BUILDING ESSENTIAL UNITY OUT OF DIVERSITY, WHILE CONTINUING
TO PRESERVE THE RICHNESS AND THE FORCE WHICH CITIZENS OF
DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND CUSTOMS AND SKILLS CAN CONTRIBUTE
TO THEIR COUNTRY. UNDER YOUR DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP,
MR. PRESIDENT, THE STILL-YOUNG NATION OF CAMEROON HAS OVER-
COME GREAT INITIAL PROBLEMS TO CONSTRUCT AND CONSOLIDATE
AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF NATIONAL UNITY. AND IT IS ALSO
SURGING FORWARD IN THE ONEROUS TASK OF PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF ITS CITIZENS.

THE DRIVE TO ENHANCE UNITY AND DEVELOPMENT IS BY DEFINITION
CONSTANT AND NEVER-ENDING. I AM PROUD THAT MY COUNTRY HAS
BEEN ABLE IN THE FIFTEEN YEARS OF YOUR COUNTRY'S
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INDEPENDENCE, MR. PRESIDENT, TO HELP YOU MOVE STEADILY
FORWARD TOWARD YOUR NOBLE GOALS. OUR ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN
RENDERED PRIMARILY THROUGH VARIOUS PROJECTS OF THE UNITED
STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONCENTRATED IN
THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH AND INFRA-
STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN
HELPING IN CAMEROON SINCE 1963. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGEN-
CIES SUCH AS THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION AND

THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ARE OPERATING PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO SUPPORT PROJECTS IN CAMEROON WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS USEFUL FOR THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT, WHETHER AS INVESTORS OR SUPPLIERS OF NECESSARY EQUIPMENT ON FAVORABLE TERMS.

MR. PRESIDENT, MY FOUR PREDECESSORS HAVE APPLIED THEMSELVES WITH DEVOTION TO ENHANCING THE ALWAYS HARMONIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. EACH OF THEM LEFT CAMEROON WITH GREAT RESPECT AND AFFECTION FOR THIS COUNTRY, ITS CITIZENS, AND ITS LEADERSHIP. I PLEDGE TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT I SHALL CONSIDER IT MY HIGHEST OBJECTIVE TO BE ABLE TO ENHANCE STILL FURTHER THE EXEMPLARY COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. UNQTE.
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